

**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET****Office of Federal Procurement Policy****Proposed Rescission of OMB Circular A-109, Major System Acquisitions**

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Office of Federal Procurement Policy.

**ACTION:** Proposed rescission of OMB Circular A-109, Major System Acquisitions.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued Circular A-109, "Major System Acquisitions," in 1976 to provide uniform guidance to the Executive Branch agencies on the acquisition of major systems. Since then, OMB has provided guidance on asset acquisition under Part 3 of Circular A-11, Planning, Budgeting, and Acquisition of Capital Assets, the Capital Programming Guide, Supplement to Part 3 of A-11, and Circular A-130, Management of Federal Information Resources. In an effort to eliminate duplicate guidance, OMB requests comments on the proposed rescission of Circular A-109.

**DATES:** Persons who wish to comment on the proposed rescission should submit their comments no later than October 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Yvette Garner, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Room 9013 New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yvette Garner, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, 202-395-7187. Only hard copies of OMB Circular A-109 are available and can be obtained from Yvette Garner. Copies of Part 3 of OMB Circular A-11, the Capital Programming Guide, and OMB Circular A-130 can be obtained from the OMB website, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Government has been working to manage better the planning, budgeting, and acquisition of capital assets. The National Performance Review in 1993 and various legislation have heightened the importance to agencies and to Congress that the Government must improve its performance in this area. The Clinger Cohen Act of 1996 also provided guidance to executive agencies to establish effective and efficient capital planning processes for selecting, managing, and evaluating the results of all of its major investments in information systems.

OMB issued Circular A-109, "Major System Acquisitions," in 1976 to the Heads of Executive Departments and Establishments. In recent years, OMB has issued additional, separate guidance on asset acquisition. OMB guidance under Part 3 of Circular A-11 provides information on planning, budgeting, and acquisition of capital assets. The Capital Programming Guide, Supplement to Part 3 of Circular A-11, also provides professionals in the Federal Government a basic reference to principles and techniques for planning, budgeting, acquisition, and management of capital assets. Circular A-130 establishes uniform government-wide information resources management policies as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

In an effort to eliminate duplication of OMB guidance, OMB proposes to rescind Circular A-109, and continue to update Circular A-11 and Circular A-130 with current guidance on planning, budgeting, and acquisition of capital assets. OFPP requests comments on this proposed rescission.

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NARA is giving public notice that the agency has submitted to OMB for approval the information collection described in this notice. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to OMB at the address below on or before September 21, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Mr. Jonathon Womer, Desk Officer for NARA, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement

should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-713-6730 or fax number 301-713-6913.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. NARA published a notice of proposed collection for this information collection on May 30, 2000 (65 FR 34503). No comments were received. NARA has submitted the described information collection to OMB for approval.

In response to this notice, comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* Applicant Background Survey.

*OMB number:* 3095-NEW.

*Agency form number:* NA Form 3035.

*Type of review:* Regular.

*Affected public:* Applicants for NARA jobs.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 16,600.

*Estimated time per response:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion (when applicant wishes to apply for a job at NARA).

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 1,383 hours.

**Abstract:** NARA is below parity with the relevant Civilian Labor Force representation for many of our mission critical occupations, and has developed a 10 year Strategic Plan to improve representation and be more responsive to the changing demographics of the country. The only way to determine if there are barriers in the recruitment and selection process is to track the groups that apply and the groups at each stage of the selection process. There is no other objective way to make these determinations and no source of this information other than directly from applicants.

The information is not provided to selecting officials and plays no part in the selection of individuals. Instead, it is used in summary form to determine